

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroyuki FUSE

Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated December 23, 2004, applicant respectfully requests consideration and examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicant requests a three month extension of time to make this submission timely filed. The appropriate fee is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: